



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1630**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mary E. Brunkow *et al.*
 Application No. : 09/696,867
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 SCURFY PHENOTYPE AND ITS HUMAN ORTHOLOG

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.